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**Introduced by Senator Costa**

February 22, 2001

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An act to add Section 239 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 538, as introduced, Costa. Groundwater storage.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to investigate and survey conditions of damage to quality of underground wastes caused by improperly construction, abandoned, or defective wells.

This bill would require the Department of Water Resources to investigate and study the feasibility of additional groundwater storage and reclamation projects and more efficient uses of existing reservoirs within the Counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego, in order to improve the water supply that is available for all uses within the region of the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 239 is added to the Water Code, to read:
- 2 239. (a) The department shall investigate and study the
- 3 feasibility of all of the following:
- 4 (1) Additional groundwater storage and reclamation projects
- 5 within the Counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange,
- 6 Riverside, and San Diego.
- 7 (2) More efficient use of existing reservoirs within the
- 8 Counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, Riverside, and

- 1 San Diego, to improve the water supply and the reliability of water
- 2 supplies that are available for all uses within that region of the
- 3 state.
- 4 (b) The department shall report to the Legislature the
- 5 conclusions of the investigations and studies no later than
- 6 December 31, 2003.

